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SIR:

In response to the Action mailed September 7, 2000, Applicant elects to prosecution the invention of Group I, Claims 1-5, drawn to a step mounted in lieu of a hitch, without traverse.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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